

CSP Subcommittee Update

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CSP Modifications for Payment in 2007

From August 1 to September 15, 2006, CSP participants with FY2004 and FY2005 contracts were allowed to request contract improvement modifications. This included contract holders in the Blue Earth, Root, Sauk, Redwood, Redeye, and Red Lake Watersheds.

Participants were allowed to transition between Tiers, bringing in the remainder of their agricultural operation if they were transitioning from Tier I to Tier II or Tier III. The option to add newly acquired land and new enhancements was limited to participants who were already at Tier III and those who were transitioning to Tier III. Land added to a contract by modification had to meet the minimum eligibility requirements that were part of the sign-up from the year the contract was approved. Furthermore, the land had to meet the criteria for the lowest enrollment category funded during the sign-up when the con-

	Tier I	Tier II	Tier III	Total
2004	88	36	9	133
2005	288	141	136	565
2006	0	14	0	14
Total	376	191	145	712

Number of CSP Contracts by Year and Tier After the Recent Modification Period

tract was approved. Participants were informed that there was no certainty of the FY2007 CSP funding level or the amount of funding that would be available for modification approvals.

At this time, all eligible modifications are being approved in Minnesota. The numbers listed are based on the last two modification periods. In Minnesota, the number

of Tier II FY2005 contracts increased from 91 in 2005 to 141 during the modification period. Tier III FY2005 contracts increased from 17 in 2005 to 136 during the modification period, an increase of 119 contract. Based on the number of producers who transitioned to Tier II and Tier III during the modification period, additional conservation has been applied to the land due to CSP.

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Special points of interest:

- The USDA Secretary announced the watersheds that may be eligible for signup during a 2007 CSP signup.
- The Thief Watershed was the watershed announced for Minnesota.
- At this time, a 2007 signup has not been announced by the Secretary.

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Updates for the CSP Subcommittee

This is the first installment of updates for the CSP Subcommittee. The updates will be published at least quarterly, with additional updates provided as needed based on CSP activity. The proposed schedule of updates will be January, April, July and October. Future CSP updates will be sent out via email to the CSP subcommittee

members with active email addresses.

Please send an email to MaryAnn Schreifels at maryann.schreifels@mn.usda.gov with your current email address. If we do not receive an email from you, we will send your copy of the update via postal mail.

Additional information regarding the State Technical Committee and the CSP Subcommittee is found at the following website: <http://www.mn.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/eng/State-Tech-Committee.html>.

The next scheduled update will be published in April, 2007.